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TO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT TO U.S. BY GOG OFFICIALS

1. OVER PAST TWO HONTHS THERE HAVE BEEN VARIOUS
INDICATIONS THAT OCTRA DIRECTOR CHARLES TSIBA PLANS TO
VISIT THE UNITED STATES IN JULY. NOW SOROS ASSOCIATES

ADVISES THAT DIRECTOR OF PORTS DAMAS MAY ACCOMPANY TSIBA
ON THIS VISIT.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED VERIFY PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE AND REPORT
DETAILS OF WHATEVER TRAVEL THESE GOG OFFICIALS ARE
PLANNING TO U.S. THIS SUMMER -- PARTICULARLY NAMES OF
PROSPECTIVE TRAVELERS, DATES OF TRAVEL, CITIES, HOTELS,
SPECIFIC INTERESTS OR OBJECTIVES.

3. FYI: SOROS ASSOCIATES WILL HAVE PR LIMINARY REPORT

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ON SANTA CLARA PORT PROJECT READY FOR PRESENTATION TO

DAMAS NEAR END OF JULY AND WOULD LIKE TO DO SO IN
NEW YORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION
IF HE WILL BE IN U.S. AROUND THAT DATE, RATHER THAN SEND
PROJECT MANAGER TO LIBREVILLE FOR PRESENTATION. ALSO,
DAMAS VISIT WOULD PROVIDE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR

FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH BROWN AND ROOT. B AND R MAY
LIKE TO ROLL OUT RED CARPET FOR HIM IN HOUSTON, WHERE
HE CAN SEE FIRM'S IMPRESSIVE FACILITIES AND MODELS OF
ITS NUMEROUS LARGE PROJECTS. B AND R WOULD WELCOME
OPPORTUNITY MEET WITH DAMAS IN ANY OTHER U.S. CITY, IF
MORE CONVENIENT FOR HIM. END FYI.

4. WHILE INTEREST IN TSIBA REVOLVES MAINLY AROUND
FORTHCOMING PROCUREMENT OF LOCOMOTIVES (HOPEFULLY
GENERAL ELECTRIC'S), THERE MAY BE OPPORTUNITY TO

DISCUSS ROLLING STOCK AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES
WHERE CONTRACTS HAVE NOT BEEN LET. IN THIS REGARD,
U.S. INDUSTRY MAY NOW HAVE CAPACITY AVAILABLE TO BUILD
ROLLING STOCK THAT IT LACKED AT TIME OF PREQUALIFYING
FOR FIRST AND SECOND SECTIONS TRANSGABON.

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